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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY'S UN ADDRESS

1. HERewith SUMMARY FOREIGN PRESS COMMENT ON SECRETARY'S UN SPEECH AT 1030 EDT SEPT. 25.
2. CAIRO RADIO DOMESTIC SERVICE REPORTS FOREIGN MINISTER MUHAMMED HASAN AZ-AYYAT CHARACTERIZED KISSINGER SPEECH AS QUOTE GENERAL ONE CONFINED TO GENERALITIES WITHOUT GOING INTO SPECIFIC DETAILS UNQUOTE.
3. BEIRUT'S DAILY AN-HAHAR SAYS EDITORIALY QUOTE KISSINGER DID NOT SURPRISE THE UNITED NATIONS WITH ANY SIGN OR SAY ANYTHING SUGGESTING THERE IS A NEW (U.S. MIDDLE EAST) POLICY. WHILE REFERRING IN HIS SPEECH TO THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE KISSINGER LOOKED LIKE HE WAS WEARING DIPLOMATIC GLOVES THAT WOULD NOT HURT EITHER OF THE TWO PARTIES, THE ARABS OR THE ISRAELIS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE CRISIS HAS BECOME SO CLEAR TO ALL THAT THE ARABS HAVE BEGUN TO CONTINUOUSLY SUSPECT THE INNOCENCE OF ANY U.S. TALK ABOUT THE AREA UNQUOTE.

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4. AMMAN'S DAILY AD-DUSTUR SAYS QUOTE IN HIS FIRST SPEECH TO THE UNGA, KISSINGER MADE IT A POINT TO REFER BRIEFLY TO THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE AMONG THOSE HE REVIEWED. THIS

REFERENCE WAS NOT COMMENSURATE WITH THE REAL MAGNITUDE OF THE ISSUE, HOWEVER...IT CAN BE SAID THAT DR. KISSINGER'S PORTRAYAL OF THE US ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS IN THIS MANNER INCLUDES NOTHING TO SUGGEST THAT AN ESSENTIAL CHANGE WILL OCCUR IN THIS ROLE IN THE FUTURE UNQUOTE.

5. WEST GERMAN TV WRAPUP. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH TO THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOPPED CHANNEL TWO'S MAIN NEWS. ITS CORRESPONDENT HANS HERBERT WESTERMANN COMMENTED FROM WASHINGTON (VIA SATELLITE): QUOTE IT WAS A PERSONAL RATHER THAN A POLITICAL PREMIERE. IT WAS A NEW SECRETARY OF STATE DEBUT AND NOT THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW POLITICAL CONCEPT. ONE COULD NOT EXPECT THAT WITH THE HELP OF ONLY ONE SPEECH EVEN AN EXTRAORDINARY MAN LIKE HENRY KISSINGER WOULD BE ABLE TO CHANGE THE AMBIVALENT U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE UN POSSIBILITIES. HE COULD ONLY TRY TO GIVE THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PERSONAL ACCOUNT TOWARDS THE STRUCTURES OF A WORLD-WIDE PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE SENSE OF THE U.N. CHARTER AND TO INTEGRATE THESE VIEWS IN THE UN ATTEMPTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE... KISSINGER'S SPEECH WAS A CONCESSION TO THE UN TARGETS,...BUT IT WILL NOT BE FOLLOWED BY PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES. IN THE COURSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IT WILL BE SEEN WHETHER IN THE FUTURE THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE LESS ORIENTED TOWARD ITS NATIONAL INTERESTS THAN INTERNATIONAL ATTEMPTS. BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF DRAMATIC PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECTACULAR PROPOSALS, NO CONTRADICTION WAS TO BE HEARD; BUT THE SKEPTICISM HAS REMAINED, BECAUSE THE WELL-FORMULATED CONCEPT WAS A VERY GENERAL ONE. MORE ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO THE UPCOMING MEETINGS...UNQUOTE.

6. IN CHANNEL ONE'S MAIN NEWS DIETER GUETT COMMENTED FROM THE UN HEADQUARTERS: QUOTE KISSINGER GAVE A VERY DETAILED BUT ALSO A VERY DISAPPOINTING DEBUT. SOUTHEAST ASIA AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THE MIDDLE EAST WERE HARDLY MENTIONED AND THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM WAS NOT MENTIONED AT ALL. ANYWAY, KISSINGER ANNOUNCED THAT THE U.S. IS READY TO MAKE MORE USE OF U.N. MEDIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS. AND THERE WAS THE PROCLAMATION TO DECREASE TENSIONS NOT ONLY BY UNILATERAL TREATIES BUT ALSO BY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. UNQUOTE. RUSH

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